



## Solution Assignment 8 MAC3309 Mathematical Analysis

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1. Show that  $f(x) = x|x|$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Solution.** By definition of absolute values,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

It is clear that  $f$  is differentiable on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, \infty)$  such that

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -2x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Finally, we will prove that  $f'(0) = 0$ .

$$f'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x|x| - 0}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0.$$

Therefore,  $f$  is differentiable on  $\mathbb{R}$ . and

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -2x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} = 2|x|$$

2. Show that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & : x \neq 0 \\ 0 & : x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is not differentiable at the origin.

Hint: Use the SCL to show that the limit does not exist.

*Proof.* Consider the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right).$$

We will show that the limit does not exist by SCL.

Let  $g(x) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  where  $x \neq 0$ . Then  $g(0)$  is undefined. Define two sequences

$$a_n = \frac{2}{(4n+1)\pi} \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$b_n = \frac{2}{(4n+3)\pi} \quad \text{where } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ . Since  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are non zero for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$g(a_n) = \sin\left(\frac{(4n+1)\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$g(b_n) = \sin\left(\frac{(4n+3)\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

Hence,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(a_n) = 1 \neq -1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(b_n)$ . By SCL, we conclude that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  does not exist. □

3. Apply L'Hospital's Rule to find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left( \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

**Solution.**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left( \arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\arctan x - \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{1+x^2}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-x^2}{1+x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-1}{\frac{1}{x^2} + 1} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1+0} = -1 \quad \# \end{aligned}$$

4. Use the Mean Value Theorem to prove that

$$\sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

*Proof.* Let  $a > 0$  and  $f(x) = \sin x$  on  $[0, a]$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$  and differentiable on  $(0, a)$ . By the Mean Value Theorem (MVT), there is a  $c \in (0, a)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) - f(0) &= f'(c)(a - 0) \\ \sin a - 0 &= a \cos c \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\cos c \leq 1$

and  $a > 0$ ,  $a \cos c \leq a$ . So,  $\sin a \leq a$ .

Therefore,

$$\sin x \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0.$$

□

5. Use the Mean Value Theorem to prove that

$$\cos x - 1 \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

*Proof.* Let  $a > 0$  and  $f(x) = \cos x - 1$  on  $[0, a]$ . Then  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$  and differentiable on  $(0, a)$ . By the Mean Value Theorem (MVT), there is a  $c \in (0, a)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) - f(0) &= f'(c)(a - 0) \\ \cos a - 1 - 0 &= (-\sin c)a \end{aligned}$$

Since  $-\sin c \leq 1$  and  $a > 0$ ,  $-a \sin c \leq a$ . So,  $\cos a - 1 \leq a$ .

Therefore,

$$\cos x - 1 \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \geq 0$$

□

6. Find all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$f(x) = ax^2 + 3x + 5$$

is strictly increasing on interval  $(1, 2)$

**Solution.** We can find  $a$  by considering  $f'(x) = 2ax + 3 \geq 0$  when  $1 < x < 2$ .

Then If  $a = 0$ ,  $f'(x) = 3 \geq 0$ . It is done.

Case  $a > 0$ . Then  $2a > 0$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned} 2a \cdot 1 &< 2a \cdot x < 2a \cdot 2 \\ 2a + 3 &< 2ax + 3 < 4a + 3 \\ 2a + 3 &< f'(x) < 4a + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f'(x) > 0$  when  $a > 0$ .

Case  $a < 0$ . Then  $2a < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} 2a \cdot 1 &> 2a \cdot x > 2a \cdot 2 \\ 4a + 3 &< 2ax < 2a + 3 \\ 4a + 3 &< f'(x) < 2a + 3 \end{aligned}$$

We must be  $4a + 3 \geq 0$ . Thus,  $-\frac{3}{4} < a < 0$ .

Therefore,  $f$  is strictly increasing on interval  $(1, 2)$  when  $a > -\frac{3}{4}$ .

7. Let  $f(x) = x^2e^{x^2}$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

7.1 Use IFT to show that  $f^{-1}$  exists and its differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Proof.* We see that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . It remains to show that  $f$  is 1-1 on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Let  $x_1, x_2 \in (0, \infty)$  and  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Then

$$x_1^2 e^{x_1^2} = x_2^2 e^{x_2^2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} \cdot e^{x_1^2 - x_2^2} = 1 \quad \dots (*)$$

Suppose that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . WLOG  $x_1 > x_2$ . Then  $x_1^2 > x_2^2$  or  $x_1^2 - x_2^2 > 0$ . So

$$\frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} > 1 \quad \text{and} \quad e^{x_1^2 - x_2^2} > 1$$

Thus,  $\frac{x_1^2}{x_2^2} \cdot e^{x_1^2 - x_2^2} > 1$ . This contradiction to  $(*)$ . Thus,  $x_1 = x_2$ .

Therefore,  $f^{-1}$  exists and its differentiable on  $(0, \infty)$  by IFT. □

7.2 Compute  $(f^{-1})'(e)$ .

**Solution.** We see that  $f'(x) = 2xe^{x^2} + 2x^3e^{x^2}$  and  $f(1) = e$ . So  $f^{-1}(e) = 1$ . By IFT,

$$(f^{-1})'(e) = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(e))} = \frac{1}{f'(1)} = \frac{1}{4e} \quad \#$$

8. Use the Inverse Function Theorem to prove that

$$(\arctan x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \quad \text{for } x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

**Solution.** Let  $f(x) = \tan x$  when  $x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ . Then  $f^{-1}(x) = \arctan x$  and  $f'(x) = \sec^2 x$ . By the Inverse Function Theorem, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (f^{-1}(x))' &= \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} \\ (\arctan x)' &= \frac{1}{f'(\arctan x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sec^2(\arctan x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+x^2} \end{aligned}$$